

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes additions to Fig. 8. This sheet includes added Fig. 8.

Attachment: Additional Sheet: Figs. 8

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 7-18 are pending. Claims 8-18 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected Group and Species, there being no generic or linking claim. Rejoinder of claims 1, 5 and 7-18 is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, the drawings are corrected pursuant to the attached drawing sheet, claims 2, 3 and 6 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 1 and 5 are amended. Claim 1 is amended to recite features supported in the specification on page 20, lines 2-6, incorporating the features of claims 2 and 3. Claim 5 is similarly amended and to incorporate the features of claim 6. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hassanzadeh during the July 11, 2003 interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Amendment Entry after Final Rejection

Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: a) place the application in condition for allowance (for all the reasons discussed herein); b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration; c) place the application in better condition for appeal (if necessary); and d) address formal requirements of the Final Rejection and preceding Office Action.

The foregoing amendments do not raise any new issues after Final Rejection. Therefore, entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

II. Claim 1 Satisfies the Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 1 was amended in the March 21, 2003 Amendment to obviate this rejection.

Specifically, "excitation wavelength" was replaced with --a wavelength of a supplied high frequency power--. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

III. Claims 1, 5 and 7 Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Final Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,558,718 to Leung in view of Japanese Patent JP 08-299785A to Nawata *et al.* (Nawata). The Final Office Action further rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,795,492 to Kinoshita *et al.* (Kinoshita) in view of Leung and Nawata. These rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to claims 1, 5 and 7, and rendered moot with respect to claims 2, 3 and 6.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are now patentable over the applied references and are consequently in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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